

TRIES TO MURDER
GROCER'S CLERK

Unknown Thug Strikes George Smith Vicious Blow With Gas

VICTIM LEADS IN PURSUIT

Recurrence of Robberies Causes Police To Believe Vanguard of

Police and Sheriff's Force Will Prosecute Vigorous Search for This
Monsieur's Bell Robber

An attempt at murder and robbery was committed by an unknown man at Smith's grocery store on Eleventh South and State street shortly after 6 o'clock this morning.

George Smith, a young man who works in the store, opened the place as usual this morning and was putting down the awning when a stranger approached and stated that he had a camp near the railway tracks and wanted to purchase some supplies. Smith became suspicious of the fellow and questioned him at some length but finally concluded that the man wanted to buy some supplies. The two entered the store and while Smith was reaching for something on one of the

his coat a piece of pipe and dealt young Smith a vicious blow on the head. The blow glanced, inflicting a painful scalp wound and stunned Smith for a moment. The young man proved to be plucky, however, and kept his feet. He backed toward the wall and faced the murderous stranger for a moment until he could gather his scattered senses. As soon as Smith partly recovered himself his fistning hand re-

up and he started after the would-be robber. The fellow ran down Eleventh South to Main street with Smith close behind him. The man turned north on Main and did his best to establish a sprinting record. In spite of the pain and his dazed condition, Smith braved kept after the man, but the wound and the loss of blood weakened him and he stopped for a moment to catch his breath. When he again took up the chase the thug had disappeared.

POLICE ARE CALLED.

The black and white injured man was chased by the thief through the streets of the city to the headquarters and Driver George Moore, who was with Patrolmen Betz and Doty made a dash to run to the scene in the patrol car. The gold-colored car was seen to leave the area of the neighborhood but could find no trace of the would-be robber. Later Sheriff Smith, who had been at the Pierce took to the chase and the officers joined the Deputy Sheriff Joe Sharp.

Smith returned to his home, where a physician dressed the wound in his hand. The doctor said that he had hit him with a blunt instrument and believes it was a piece of gas pipe. He said the blow had fallen squarely upon his head and that the man had been unconscious. He had been killed instantly, but the blow glanced and cut a deep scalp wound. Smith reeled and nearly fell to the ground.

to fall would mean death, he struggled to keep his feet and succeeded in doing so. The vicious stranger was ready to strike, but the man's back was against the wall for a moment and he started for the intruder. The latter became frightened and ran down the road, still clinging to his weapon.

The police and sheriff's force were given a description of the man and a man who had been thorough and systematic in his search for him. They are confident in capturing the fellow as officer was throughout the county have been notified and asked to keep a sharp lookout for him. The fellow is probably in hiding among willows along the railroad and the owners of the property are kept on the watch until the capture.

The rapid succession of robberies during the last week convinces the peace officers that the vanguard of criminals is here, the riff-raff from colder climes and the disorderly element which has abandoned the mining camps.

L. D. S. IMMIGRANTS DETAINED IN BOSTON

Boston, Aug. 23.—Because of recent orders received from Washington, immigration officials today detained 15 women Mormon converts who arrived on the steamship Republic. They came from Germany, Holland and Scandinavia. There were 168 converts in the party, and none was allowed to depart until the examination, which was very thorough, had been concluded. Among the number detained are Margaret and Catherine Rice, two young girls who belong in Liverpool, England, and whose parents are in the United States.

authorities, asking that they be held on their arrival. The girls were indignant, and declared that they had paid their own passage.

Arrangement had been made to take the entire party west by special train tonight, but owing to the activity of the immigration officers the plan was abandoned.

CAPT. SOLOMON AVERY.
Charged With Conduct Unbecoming
An Officer and a Gentleman.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Capt. Solomon Avery, an artillery officer stationed here, has been cited to appear Wednesday next before a court-martial to answer charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The charges are made in connection with allegations in the account of the

Capt. Avery served with distinction through the Spanish war and entered the regular service at the close of the war. He had been first lieutenant of the Two Hundred and Third New York Infantry and upon entering the regular army was assigned to the coast artillery and sent to the Presidio. In April, 1906, he was elevated to the rank of captain.

Officers at the Presidio asserted to Capt. Avery's capability consisted wholly of careless business methods.